

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

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THEFT OF GOLD FROM MINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the gold worth crores of rupees is being stolen from gold mines every year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quality and market value of gold stolen from mines during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check the theft of gold from gold mines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) to (d) Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML) and The Hutti Gold Mines Company Limited (HGML), a public sector enterprise of the state Government of Karnataka have been mining and producing gold in the country. The economic operations in BGML have been ceased with effect from April 2000 as BGML was before Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) and BIFR issued winding up notice for BGML. As HGML is a state government undertaking its operations do not come within the purview of Central Government. The theft of gold reported in BGML during the last three years were as follows:-

Year	Value (in Rupees)
1998-1999	1013.09
1999-2000	296.70
2000-2001	Nil

The security measures taken by the company included the physical search of the workmen as well as supervisors coming out of the mines irrespective of their status, equipping the security personnel with wireless system, surprise checks, installation of CCTVs with monitoring and recording capability for 24 hours duration in the Smelting Room, etc.